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# From the Director's Desk

The alumni meeting in Starkville was about to be adjourned when a young alumnus shyly raised his hand and asked, "May I say something? If it weren't for Delta State I wouldn't be where I am today. The teachers gave me extra attention, the business manager made special arrangements for me to stretch out my tuition payments, and they even helped me find a good job. And I just want to say 'thank you.'"

Those words of Earnest Brothers seem to convey the mission of the Delta State University Alumni Association. Dr. Don Skelton asked me to be the guest writer for his "From the Director's Desk" column and reflect on alumni activities.

In 1997 hundreds of volunteers gave untold hours to their alma mater making so many alumni activities special. The 12th annual "Pig Pickin'" barbecue held before the first home football game drew a crowd of almost 2000 people to Shumate Park. The chief volunteer, Clyde Weeks of Cleveland, was unable to attend due to a serious car accident just before the event. The giant barbecue was dedicated to Clyde and his friends rallied to carry out the most successful pig pickin ever. Sadly, Clyde later died of complications.

Also in 1997, we lost several beloved members of the Delta State Family including such notables as Maxine Holcomb, art teacher; Dr. Jesse White, science professor and department chair; Dr. John Tatum, German professor; Dr. Thomas Daniel Young, former dean; and Mrs. Marjorie Tims, patron.

The Student Alumni Associations (SAA) celebrated its 15th birthday and is stronger and more active than ever. Their most visible endeavor of the year was giving birth to the Fighting Okra Mascot costume. Brian Formby of Vicksburg volunteered to be the "okra man" in the homecoming parade and ride on the float with the cheerleaders, pulled by the okramobile.

Chances are if you graduated before 1985 you don't know much about the fighting okra. Everywhere we go, alumni ask how *the vegetable* came to be associated with Delta State. As we understand it, a group of baseball players were standing around after practice and began to discuss the characteristics of a mascot and mused over the fact that a Statesman is not exactly ferocious like a lion, tiger, bulldog, cougar or such. Asking what else could be southern, green, and fierce, the okra was mentioned and laughter followed. The next day the student newspaper printed an article on the mythological birth of the fighting okra, and the rest is history. To see how popular the hairy vegetable is, just visit the bookstore and note the okra t-shirts, bumper stickers, and okra caps.

The 50-Year Golden Circle, chartered in 1994, is thriving under the leadership of Sue Thweatt King. The next meeting is April 14. It is always held in conjunction with academic honors day in the spring.

If you haven't returned to campus in a while, mark your calendar and make a commitment to come October 3, 1998 for homecoming. The class of '87, under the leadership of the class president, George Bassi, has initiated a tailgate party at Shumate Park, near the stadium, immediately following the homecoming game.

The alumni association belongs to you. The new alumni board, under the leadership of president, Mickey Robinson of Cleveland, is about to launch its plan of work for the coming year. Volunteers are always needed. Call, write, e-mail or visit the alumni office if we can be of service.

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Brian Formby and his  
fighting okra costume.

## NEW ARCHIVES & MUSEUM DEDICATED



Charles W. Capps, Jr.

One of higher education's staunchest supporters was recognized by Delta State University on November 23, 1997 when the Charles W. Capps Jr. Archives and Museum was dedicated in Capps' honor.

The \$2.8 million edifice will house a museum for touring exhibits as well as the University's permanent exhibit. A seminar and reception room, the museum curator and staff's offices, the archivist and assistant's offices, a public reading and research room, the archives collection, the Social Work Department and three classrooms are also located in the three-story structure.

A native of Cleveland, Capps is in his seventh consecutive term with the Mississippi House of Representatives where he serves as chairman of the Appropriation's Committee, which handles the bills to fund state agencies and institutions. Known and respected by his House colleagues as an able and dedicated legislator, Capps also serves on the Constitution, Ethics, Insurance and Military Affairs committees and is a member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.





# Short Notes

## ZACHARY NAMED ARCHIVIST

Tara Zachary is the University Archivist, a new position at Delta State. Zachary, a native of Sulphur, La., joins Delta State after working in the special collections department of the Louisiana State University Libraries. She earned the bache-



lor of arts degree in history and broadcast journalism from LSU in Baton Rouge. She holds the masters of library and information science degree from LSU. At Delta State, Zachary is responsible for improving access to the archives, manuscript collection and oral histories, providing reference assistance to researchers, and acquiring new collections in the areas of Delta history and the history of the University. She is also responsible for mounting exhibitions in the new Charles W. Capps Jr. Archives and Museum.

## SBDC HAS NEW DIRECTOR

David Holman, '91, a native of Carrollton, is the new director of the Small Business Development Center at Delta State. The facility is housed in the newly renovated "Gold Star" building on the corner of Bishop and College streets.



Holman, came to Delta State from the Bank of Hollandale where he was Assistant Vice President.

The SBDC is designed to provide assistance to current and potential small business owners. The center hosts many workshops and training events across the Delta to keep business owners current on today's complex business environment. For more information call (601) 846-4236 or email to [dholman@dsu.deltast.edu](mailto:dholman@dsu.deltast.edu)

## 50-YEAR GOLDEN CIRCLE SET

Did you graduate between 1928-1947? The fourth annual meeting of the 50-Year Golden Circle has been set for Tuesday, April 14. Sue Thweatt King, president, expressed, "The 1998 Golden Circle get-together promises to be the biggest and best yet. Some of the activities are: recognition at Honors Day Program, a tour of the campus, an elegant dinner, reminiscing and reflecting time, and a lunch hosted by DSU President and Mrs. Kent Wyatt. Mark your calendar and make plans to return to your alma mater on April 14."

## INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES RECEIVES GRANT

Novell, the world's leading provider of network software, has awarded one of its Teach For Tomorrow Grants to the Information and Technology Services (ITS) Department at Delta State University. They are one of only 100 sites in North America to receive this grant and the only one in Mississippi. Under this grant, Novell will donate all training and materials necessary to become an Internal Campus Training (ICT) site, valued at approximately \$5000. ITS will offer Certified Novell Administrator (CNA) certification, using exclusive Novell-authorized curriculum, to all educators in this region. Novell supports the process needed to make schools successful in technical training and designed the Teach For Tomorrow

Grant program with the academic venue in mind. By training educators first, Novell helps schools build the infrastructure to support consistent training for years to come. ITS will train regional teachers and faculty to establish and maintain technology centers in schools to prepare students to thrive and get jobs in today's world of sophisticated technology.

## PIG-PICKIN' & HOMECOMING DATES SET FOR 1998

Mickey Robinson, president of the DSU Alumni Association, has announced that the thirteenth annual "Pig-Pickin'" will be held on the afternoon of Sept. 19th, prior to the Statesmen's first home football game with Valdosta State. Robinson also announced that Homecoming '98 will be celebrated on October 3rd, with the Statesmen playing West Alabama. Classes of 1928, '38, '48, '58, '68, '78, and '88 will have reunions.

## DSU FLIGHT TEAM ADVANCED TO NATIONALS

Delta State University's Flight Team has taken its first step toward a national championship by winning the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's Region IV competition.

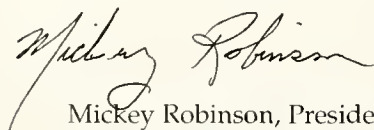
DSU's Precision Flight Team will represent the State of Mississippi at the national championship competition to be hosted by Kansas State University May 5-9, 1998. The DSU team has competed in the national event every year since 1984.



Members of the 1997 Delta State University Flight Team members are: (kneeling, from left) Calvin Woodruff, Yazoo City; Dana Criswell, Assistant Professor of Commercial Aviation and faculty advisor; and Trey Johnson, Dundee. (Standing, from left) Kevin Phillips, Clarksdale; John Lipscomb, Hernando; Darby Richardson, Union; Matt Torgerson, Meridian; Jim Lane, Grenada; Matt Gulotta, Captain, Corinth; Dianna Toy, Safety Officer, Germantown, Tenn.; and John Bowen, Co-Captain, Pearl. Not pictured are team members Matt Howell, Decatur; and Nathan Matte, Magee.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY:

Mississippi's universities are essential to Mississippi's future. From these campuses will come tomorrow's citizens--the people who will govern our state and towns; doctor our sick; guide, nurture, and teach our children; invest in our businesses; discover medical cures; inspire our spiritual beings and challenge our humanitarian endeavors. During the 1997 session, the Legislature made a three-year commitment to moving faculty and staff salaries closer to those of their regional counterparts. Such advances must continue. Recognizing its charge of fiscal responsibility, The Board of Trustees for Higher Learning has proposed a budget increase for Fiscal Year 1999 that makes significant strides in providing students the education they need in order to be productive Mississippians. Mississippi has eight strong public universities, and providing them with adequate resources will allow them to continue on their course of excellence. Your support is needed. Inform your legislator today that you believe Mississippi universities are essential to Mississippi's future. Thank you for your cooperation.

  
Mickey Robinson, President  
DSU Alumni Association



## Alumni Notes

### ARE YOU A "FIRST" ?

Chris Abernathy, '93, a third year law student from Greenwood, is the first DSU graduate to be selected Editor-in-chief of the Mississippi Law Journal at the University of Mississippi Law School. The scholarly publication, run completely by students, has served the Mississippi Bar since 1928.

Dr. Dorothy Rice, '29, is retired and lives in Little Rock, AR. She was a member of the first freshman class at Delta State Teachers College in 1925, was the first Student Government President, graduated in '29, and returned to teach at Delta State in 1965, retiring in 1972.

Mrs. Marjorie Crook Bell, formerly of Vicksburg, and now a resident in Crook Retirement Facility in Ruleville, received the first degree in English in 1947.

Mrs. Ruth Walters Bobo of Gunnison, class of 1940, was the first Alumni Association President to serve two terms, 1961-63.

If you were a "First", please send information to Delta Currents, Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 38733.

### ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Applications for the Hugh Ellis Walker scholarships, given annually to children of dues-paying members are available at the alumni office. You are encouraged to contact Felicia Applegate for more information at 1-800-468-6378 Ext. 6.

### DSU FRIENDS REMEMBERED

Dr. Thomas Daniel Young, 77, a retired chairman of the English Department at Vanderbilt University and a leading authority on literature of the American South, died on January 29, 1997 at the Bay Springs, MS, General Nursing Home. Prior to his service at Vanderbilt, Dr. Young served as Dean of Delta State from 1957 to 1961 under the presidency of Dr. Jimmy Ewing. A former member of the Cleveland Exchange Club and Methodist Church, Young was the author of many books and articles on

Southern writers.

Maggie Flowers Ewing, 96, a lifelong resident educator and widow of former Delta State University and Copiah-Lincoln Junior College president, James M. Ewing, died of heart failure on Nov. 26, 1997.

A Lincoln County native, she began a 49-year teaching career in 1922, teaching math and music until her retirement in 1971. An accomplished musician and voice teacher, Mrs. Ewing enjoyed sharing her musical gift with others.

"Mrs. Ewing was an energetic and very gracious first lady of Delta State for 15 years," said Delta State President Kent Wyatt. "I remember her as having a deep love for people, and she showed that in all of her activities."

In 1973 the Copiah-Lincoln Board of Trustees recognized her many years of service by naming the fine arts building in her honor.

Marjorie Hollingsworth Tims, 79, a longtime friend and benefactor of Delta State, died of cancer on Oct. 31, 1997.

A graduate of Miss. State College for Women in 1939, Mrs. Tims was a resident of Cleveland for more than 50 years. Active in civic and political affairs, she was a pioneer in the modern Mississippi Republican Party, serving as president of both the Bolivar County and Mississippi Republican Women's Federation.

"She was a wonderful friend to everybody," said minister Wade Holland of St. Luke United Methodist Church. "She was an active church leader; she loved the children and the youth. If there was ever a need, she was there to help."

Dr. John Hargrove Tatum, 51, a language professor at Delta State, died of cancer on Nov. 22, 1997. Educated at Millsaps College, he received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. Tatum earned his doctorate from the University of North Carolina and did graduate study at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany.

Dr. Tatum wrote many articles and published a German reference book on German literature. He had taught German and served as coordinator of international students at Delta State for 20 years.

### ATHLETIC ALUMNI SPRING SCHEDULE

**January 19:** Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee Meeting. **February 14:** Athletic Alumni Board of Directors Meeting. **April 4:** Spring Sports Day/Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. **April 28:** DSU Student-Athlete Awards Banquet



# ALUMNI ON THE MOVE



## MADELYN S. HARLOW

Madelyn S. Harlow has been named Secondary Teacher of the Year among Mississippi's Private School Association for 1996-1997. She teaches junior and senior English at Carroll Academy in Carrollton.

"Mrs. Harlow is an administrator's dream come true," said Melody Carter, headmaster at Carroll Academy. "You are able to turn anything over to her and know that the task will be done completely and in a first-class manner."

Her teaching career began at Greenville High, her alma mater, in 1968. She later moved to Grenada and taught at Grenada High School until six years ago when she entered the private school association.

She holds a masters in English and a bachelor of science in education, both from Delta State University.

Madelyn and her husband, Gene, live in Grenada.



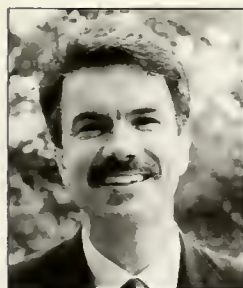
## DAVID DALLAS

David Dallas has been named Drexel's Director of International Programs. Mr. Dallas will work to expand and highlight Drexel's international activities.

According to Timothy Perkins, Vice-president at Drexel, "David will help the University compete in the field of international education exchange by developing and implementing innovative international programs."

In 1992, Mr. Dallas took leave from the United States Information Agency to serve a Legislative Fellowship in the Office of United States Senator Trent Lott. He holds a bachelor of arts in English and Political Science from Delta State and a master's in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University.

David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Dallas of Cleveland.



## TERRY FAUST

Former Marks, Mississippi, resident Terry Faust has been named the 1997 Outstanding Administrator at Kennesaw State University, where he has been director of student financial aid since 1992.

Faust won praise from KSU President Betty L. Siegel for rallying his staff to "address change in some very creative way" when the governor of Georgia launched HOPE scholarships for students attending state colleges and universities.

Faust holds a doctor of education degree from the University of Mississippi and a master of education degree and bachelor's degree from Delta State University. He was associate director of student financial services at the University of Alabama before his appointment at Kennesaw State.

He and his wife, the former Debra Fair, live in Acworth, Georgia.



## ANDY HUGHES

Andy Hughes, the manager of Information Technology for Mississippi Chemical Corporation, recently spearheaded the replacement of the company's business application system.

Hughes oversees the selection and implementation of Mississippi Chemical's computer systems at Yazoo City. He recently completed the networking of Mississippi Chemical's worldwide locations.

Originally from Cleveland, Mississippi, Hughes has served Mississippi Chemical since 1982. A graduate of Delta State University with a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree emphasizing Management Information Systems, he also holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from Millsaps College.

He became a certified data processor in 1985.

He and his wife, Karen, reside in Madison with their two children.

# Foundation Report

The following individuals have made their gift to the 1997 Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund support the \$300,000 "unrestricted" budget of the Foundation. Much of the accomplishments of the Foundation could not take place without the support of these donors. Thank you!!! If your name does not appear on this list, please send your Annual Fund gift to DSU Post Office Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733.

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- The **Clark E. and Aureola Boyd Scholarships** are given by Mrs. Boyd of Cleveland in memory of her husband, Clark, who taught English at Delta State from 1949-50. The Boyd Scholarships will assist needy students.
- The **Rabon A. Hawkins Memorial Scholarship** was created by Mr. Hawkins' grandsons, Andy Hawkins, John David Hawkins, and Brian Petrie. The scholarship assists a child of a Cleveland Moose Lodge member.
- The **Dr. Henry Jacob Memorial Scholarship Fund** received a \$6,288.74 gift from the Cleveland Kiwanis Club. This endowed scholarship was created in 1982 in memory of Dr. Jacob, the long-time Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and a charter member of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club.
- A rare and semi-antique 15' x 31' Persian Crown Kerman carpet appraised at \$50,000 was donated to the University in memory of Mrs. **Charlotte Keesler Garrard Paty**. The carpet was placed in the exhibition room of the new Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum.
- The **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Cleveland** created a scholarship through a gift of \$20,000. This scholarship will assist needy students.
- The **Clark Women's Basketball Endowment Fund** was created by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George Wofford of Drew. This fund is created in honor of Coach Lloyd Clark, Delta State Women's Basketball coach and Drew native.
- **Ford and Geraldine Dickerson** of Cleveland donated a porcelain creation of the famous artist Edward Marshall Boehm titled the *New Year Rose* in memory of their daughter Ann Dickerson Bradberry who died in July of 1991 at the age of 40. The *New Year Rose* is on display in the President's office in Kethley Hall.
- Mrs. Louise Chiz of Shaw has established **The Maggie Flowers Ewing Memorial Scholarship** in memory of Maggie Flowers Ewing, former first lady of Delta State University.
- Mr. Zach Hederman of Jackson and the Tatum family have established the **John H. Tatum Memorial Scholarship** in memory of Dr. John H. Tatum, long-time professor of German and coordinator of the international student program at Delta State University.

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or to create a new fund.*



## DSU ALUMNUS, BRYCE GRIFFIS, HONORS DR. WYATT WITH \$100,000 PLEDGE

Bryce Griffis of Starkville, a 1954 Delta State University graduate and former president of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, has pledged \$100,000 to the DSU Foundation in honor of University president Kent Wyatt.

"I am deeply honored to the point of being overwhelmed," Dr. Wyatt said when he learned of Griffis' pledge. "Bryce and I have been long-time friends and we were Delta State classmates and teammates, too."

The President and owner of Sturgis Lumber Company, Griffis' gift establishes the Bryce Griffis Endowment Fund with the Delta State University Foundation, Inc. to provide monies to fulfill departmental and/or student needs at the discretion of the University president and his cabinet, according to Dr. Don A. Skelton, Director of the DSU Foundation, Inc. Griffis also funded an endowment in 1989 for the School of Business Enhancement Fund.

Griffis earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration and he was a three-year letterman in football and baseball at Delta State. Named the University's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 1986, Griffis is past president of the DSU Athletic Alumni Association and a former member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.



Bryce Griffis and Dr. Wyatt

## ANONYMOUS GIFT MAKES DREAM OF SWIMMING COME TRUE!

The combination of a generous and caring donor, a determined young man, and a compassionate volunteer has allowed dreams and goals to come true and to build a lasting friendship.

When an anonymous donor made a gift of a hydraulic chain lift to the University swimming pool, it was the donor's desire to provide access to the pool for those who otherwise would not be able to climb down a ladder. In making the gift the donor said, "I want to make sure that the handicapped and elderly are able to enjoy the benefits of the pool. Swimming is something I enjoyed for many years and wish I could still." The hydraulic lift allows a person to be lowered into the pool by simply pushing a lever which powers the chair by water pressure from a water hose.

Gaining access to the pool itself became the easy part for nineteen-year-old John McGee of Grenada. John, a sophomore accounting major, was born with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair for getting to and from classes. Although he had never swam alone before, and has the use of only one arm, John decided to sign up for the beginning swim class taught by DSU instructor, Ronnie Mayers. "Swimming is one thing I have always wanted to do. I told myself 'no problem'. I'm going to do it!", John said. He

contacted Mayers and asked if it were possible for him to take the class. Coach Mayers, who doubles as men and women's swimming and diving coach and as an instructor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, said, "Come on!"

Leigh Ann Powers, a sophomore Nursing major from Natchez, was enrolled in Mayer's Concepts of Physical Education class. They began talking about their hometown of Natchez and Mayers discovered Leigh Ann was a Certified Water Safety Instructor. Mayers asked Leigh Ann if she would volunteer to help with John. She excitedly accepted the opportunity. Although she did not know John, Leigh Ann said she had seen him around campus in his motorized wheelchair. "He was very determined from the first day," recalled Leigh Ann. "John has a 'let's get out there and do it' outlook on life. I have been impressed with his desire and determination since the first day I met him," she continued. Leigh Ann gives her free time every Monday and Wednesday to meet John at the Delta State Natatorium for his hour long swimming class.

"He was skittish about being on his stomach in the water and had trouble with breathing control which was the first thing we began working on," said Leigh Ann. Now, after a semester of swimming every Monday and Wednesday, John is able to swim 10 freestyle laps across the pool with only minimal assistance from Leigh Ann and he swims the backstroke unaided all over the pool. Leigh Ann said, "I can't tell you how grateful I am to the donor for the gift of the hydraulic lift. It allows John to independently enter the pool and now, after months of swimming, I am there only for minimal support to him."

Terri Jackson from Cleveland is a first-time swimmer enrolled in John's class. Jackson said, "Seeing John learning to swim was very inspiring to me. He has to overcome a lot more things than I do, so I decided if he can learn to swim then so can I."

This is an example of how the lives of young adults are being touched by the generosity of our donors. This is a story which reflects the type of students we have at Delta State — students who are determined, caring and dedicated to serving each other and the community. John McGee's story reflects the attitude of the Delta State faculty which has a tradition of more than 70 years of inviting and challenging students to succeed. The Delta State Foundation is proud to help this tradition continue through its efforts to raise private support for students like John and Leigh Ann.



John McGee and Leigh Ann Powers

### Class Participation In the 1997-98 Annual Fund "YOUR PLACE IN TIME" as of 11/30/97

#1	'60's & '70's	(34 gifts)
#2	'80's & '90's	(20 gifts)
#3	'20's & '50's	(18 gifts)

- 1997-98 Annual Fund Total = \$11,634.00
- Total # of gifts to the 1997-98 Annual Fund = 114
- Total # of seniors participating in The Folino Family Challenge = 17

## CORRECTIONS

Please accept our apology for any typographical mistakes in our past publications. Listed below are the corrected names.

Annual Fund brochure: Dr. Bill McHardy 1996 Annual Report: William L. & Jeanne C. LaForge Scholarship • Dr. John C. Gibson & Mr. John Yurkow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund • Dr. Jesse S. White Memorial Scholarship • Robert E. Smith Scholarships • Merle Lewis Little Scholarship—Jane Shattuck, J. Gary Walker • SUPERVALU - Lewis Grocer Division



# Sports Update

## SOFTBALL TEAM HONORED

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) announced that Delta State University's softball team has been honored as one of the top 10 academic teams in NCAA Division II, based upon GPA's submitted for the 1996-97 school year.

## BASKETBALL TEAMS RECOGNIZED

DSU's men's & women's basketball programs dominated both Gulf South Conference pre-season coaches polls and are favored to repeat as GSC champions. Four key members of the squads were honored with selection to the pre-season All-GSC team. Chris Sykes, a junior from Aberdeen, and Twentis Magee, a senior from Franklinton, La. received recognition for the Statesmen, while Trina Davis, senior from Arcola, and Tanya Redmond, a senior from Oxford, represented the Lady Statesmen.

## SWIM TEAM FACILITY PLANNED

Excitement abounds around the DSU swim team as Coach Ronnie Mayers crew anticipates the completion of a new swimming complex by late 1999. The project is presently in the design phase with construction scheduled to begin September of 1998. "We are excited about the prospects of this new complex," said Mayers. "It will be a deeper and faster pool than we have at present and will help our swimming program tremendously."

## INDOOR BASEBALL FACILITY PLANNED

Members of the 1977 baseball team have announced that plans are underway to formulate a three-year \$250,000 fundraising effort to build an indoor practice facility for the DSU baseball program. Initial plans call for the building to be approximately 100' X 100' and house batting cages, pitching mounds and a sizable open area to conduct drills. Judson Thigpen, project chairman, states "the addition of such a facility will serve as a wonderful and necessary compliment to one of the most respected baseball programs in the nation."

## THOMAS DOMINATES GSA, AGAIN

Treg Thomas, 1996 Conerly Trophy recipient, gained 1,145 yards during the 1997 season to lead the Gulf South Conference for the second consecutive year. Thomas, along with LB Bobby Parnell and DE Eric Weber were named 1st Team All-GSC.

*Below: Treg Thomas*



## STATESMEN FOOTBALL WRAP UP 1997 CAMPAIGN, LOOK TO NEXT YEAR

Finishing with three consecutive wins helped to ease the "sting" of a disappointing season as the statesmen finished the 1997 season with a 3-7 mark.

Looking back on the season, Coach Todd Knight stated "the year didn't go as we had hoped but I am proud of our coaches and players for the way they handled adversity and continued to improve. There is no question that we became a better football team as the season progressed."

## FEMALE ATHLETES AND OVERALL PROGRAM TOPS IN STATE

Delta State University President Kent Wyatt celebrated with student athletes from DSU upon receiving the David M. Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes at the annual Mississippi Association of Colleges meeting in Hattiesburg.

The awards, presented to both the top men's and women's programs in Mississippi, recognized institutions which had the highest student-athlete graduation rates between 1992-93 and 1996-97.

The Lady Statesmen program earned

top honors and its second women's Halbrook Award by graduating 88 percent (51 of 58) of its student-athletes.



Delta State Halbrook Award Recipients: *Left to Right: Elizabeth Pelezo, Spring, TX; Casey Myrick, Grenada; Upendo Jones, Quitman; Dr. Kent Wyatt; Mady Lee, Oshawa, Ontario.*

## 1998 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb. 14	Lemoyne-Owen (2)	Cleveland	1 PM
Feb. 16	Belhaven (2)	ackson	1 PM
Feb. 18	Arkansas-Mont. (2)	Monticello, Ark.	Noon
Feb. 20-22	Montgomery Tourn.	Montgomery, Ala.	TBA
Feb. 24	Lambuth (2)	Jackson, Tenn.	1 PM
Feb. 25	Union (2)	Jackson, Tenn.	Noon
Feb. 28	West Alabama (2)	Cleveland	2 PM
Mar. 1	West Alabama	Cleveland	2 PM
Mar. 4	William Carey (2)	Hattiesburg	2 PM
Mar. 7	North Alabama (2)	Cleveland	1 PM
Mar. 11	Univ. of Mississippi	Oxford	3 PM
Mar. 12	Jackson State	Cleveland	3 PM
Mar. 14	Henderson State (2)	Arkadelphia, Ark.	Noon
Mar. 15	Henderson State	Arkadelphia, Ark.	1 PM
Mar. 17	Millsaps (2)	Cleveland	2 PM
Mar. 19	McKendree [IL] (2)	Cleveland	2 PM
Mar. 21	Christian Brothers (2)	Cleveland	1 PM
Mar. 22	Christian Brothers	Cleveland	2 PM
Mar. 24	Mississippi Valley	Itta Bena	2 PM
Mar. 25	Birmingham South.	New Hope	7 PM
Mar. 28	entral Arkansas (2)	Conway, Ark.	Noon
Mar. 29	Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark.	1 PM
Mar. 31	Lyon	Batesville, Ark.	1 PM
Apr. 1	Mississippi Valley	Cleveland	6 PM
Apr. 4	Arkansas Tech (2)	Cleveland	2 PM
Apr. 5	Arkansas Tech	Cleveland	2 PM
Apr. 7	Lambuth (2)	Cleveland	3 PM
Apr. 8	Belhaven (2)	Cleveland	3 PM
Apr. 10	LSU-Shreveport	Cleveland	7 PM
Apr. 11	LSU-Shreveport (2)	Cleveland	2 PM
Apr. 13	Jackson State	Jackson	6 PM
Apr. 15	William Carey (2)	Cleveland	4 PM
Apr. 18	Ark.-Monticello (2)	Cleveland	3 PM
Apr. 19	Ark.-Monticello	Cleveland	2 PM
Apr. 21	Lemoyne-Owen	Memphis, Tenn.	2 PM
Apr. 25	Southern Arkansas (2)	Magnolia, Ark.	Noon
Apr. 26	Southern Arkansas	Magnolia, Ark.	1 PM
Apr. 30-May 3	GSC Tournament	TBA	TBA



# With the Classes

1929

**Dr. Dorothy Rice**, '29, was honored with a metal sculpture dedicated in her name at Mississippi Delta Community College.

1938

**Nell Thomas**, '38, is making curriculum recommendations to help celebrate Methodist churches 200th birthday celebration statewide.

1939

**B.F. Smith**, '39, of Leland was recognized with a "Real Hero" award at the Elliott Symposium at Delta State.

1947

**Margery Bays Yeager**, '47, of Boyle has been appointed to the advisory council of the Bureau of Long Range Economic Development Planning. The mission is to help coordinate economic development statewide.

1954

**Janice Harris Mitchell**, '54, has taught in the Memphis City School District for 35 years.

1955

**Melvin Ford**, '55, retired from Public Schools after 30 years of service in 1985, and recently from Peoples Bank & Trust in Water Valley, MS.

1956

**Louis Baioni**, '56, was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Memphis Alumni Association.

1957

**Ray Wilson**, '57 of Cleveland was presented a "Real Hero Award" at the Elliott Symposium at DSU.

1958

**Dick Hamberlin**, '58, recieved the "Paul Harris Fellow" recognition from the Clarksdale Rotary Club.

1961

**Lynn S. McCallum**, '61, retired after thirty six years of teaching Science at Potts Camp High School. During her career she was Star Teacher six times.

1963

**Anne Toplinski**, '63, was chosen to display her work in the Mississippi Watercolor Society's Annual National Juried Exhibition, in Jackson.

1965

**J. Don Jones**, '65, an attorney in Atlanta, finished strong in the 1997 Peachtree Road Race.

1967

**Mary Bettis Lee**, '67, is instructor of English at Texas State Technical College in Marshall, TX.

1968

**Charles Coggins**, '68, is an Agency Manager with Farm Bureau Insurance in Montgomery County, MS. **Robert Pickenpough**, '68, will exhibit his art at the Mississippi College Samuel Marshall Gore Art Gallery in Clinton.

1969

**Bill Watkins**, '69, is a ceramics instructor at the Mustard Seed home for mentally challenged adults in Jackson, MS.

1970

**Joanne Conico Grossi**, '70, was designated STAR teacher at T.L. Weston High School in Greenville, MS. She has been teaching history for 20 years.

**Mike R. Corbin**, '70, received a service award for twenty six year's of service on the staff at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, MS. **Jimmy Harper**, '70, has been named Fire Chief and Safety Coordinator for the city of Hazelhurst, MS.

1971

**Lonnye Sue Pearson**, '71, is an English Teacher and Yearbook Advisor at Pearl High School in Pearl, MS.

1972

**Bob Pantin**, '72, was voted "Coach of the Year," and won the Class 2A state championship in the Texas association of private and parochial schools. **Earnest Lee Brown**, '72, was appointed to city school district's Board of Trustees in Indianola, MS. **Lt. Col. Ken Dahl**, '72, recently retired from the military and is living in Hampton, VA.

**Matthew Dahl**, '72, teaches piano and writes music compositions.

1973

**Larry Jack Matthews**, '73, of Greenwood has been promoted to the position of district investigator in the criminal investigation bureau.

1975

**Terry Faust**, '75, former Marks resident has been named the 1997 Outstanding Administrator at Kennesaw State University where he has been director of student financial aid since 1992.

**Danny McBrayer**, '75, was named Executive Director of MS Construction Education Foundation.

1976

**Tony Stanford**, '76, of Louisville, coached in the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Classic for the north team.

**Bobby Wade Barrett**, '76, was inducted into the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

**Kim Letort**, '76, has returned as Head Football Coach for Saint Martin High School in Pascagoula.

**Louis E. Oursler**, '76, and **Melissa Oursler**, '85, formerly of Greenville have both been appointed Allstate Insurance agents in Madison - Ridgeland, MS

1977

**John M. Alexander**, '77, of Oxford was presented the Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award at Delta State University.

**Dr. Walter Downs**, '77, '94, is superir.tendent for Baldwyn, MS School System.

1978

**Dr. David "L.B." Webber**, '78, '79, is engaged in Family Practice medicine in Helena, AR.

**Jimmy Newquist**, '78, has been named general manager at Wellington Associates, Inc. in Jackson, MS.

1979

**Ted Holt**, '79, is a senior technical editor and writer for Midrange Computing. He has published 2 books.

1980

**Ken Farmer**, '80, has been promoted to senior vice president in the commercial real estate department at Deposit Guaranty National Bank in Jackson.

1981

**Frank Bradford**, '81, was elected vice president of the Grenada Chamber of Commerce. He is employed by Union Planters Bank.

**Ben Buffkin**, '81, director of Human Resources at DSU has been selected to participate in the 1997 Leadership Mississippi program.

**Billy Horton**, '81, is an Internal Medical Physician in Oglethorpe, GA.

**Dwayne Sims**, '81, is associate pastor of education and administration for First Baptist Church of Crestview, FL.

1983

**Dr. Douglas Wilson**, '83, is religion department chairman at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, and received his Doctorate of Ministry recently from the Reform Theological Seminary in Jackson.

**Bob Billingsley**, '83, has been promoted to Director of Processing and Engineering with Sanderson Farms, Inc. of Laurel, MS.

**Michael Enriquez**, '83, was elected secretary of the board of directors for the Ohio Tri-State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Keith Mitchell**, '83, was promoted to senior vice president of Union Planters Bank in Grenada, MS.

**Melissa Oursler**, '84, is an Allstate Agent in Madison-Ridgeland, MS.

1985

**Sarah Hodnett Brooks**, '85, practices law and is a municipal court judge in Rolling Fork.

**Tom Burnham**, '85, is the director of the new Gulf Coast Education Initiative in Long Beach, MS.

**Audrey Mitchell Morehead**, '85, has been promoted to assistant manager of The Learning Store in

Jackson, MS.

**Lisa Burle**, '85, of Greenville, is a corporate business analyst with Delta & Pine Land Co. of Scott.

1986

**Carol Cook**, '86, teaches French at a private college preparatory school, The Linsly School, in Wheeling, WV, and is past president of the West Virginia American Association of Teachers of French.

**Beth Nassar Mansfield**, '86, is operations manager of the Tennessee Service Center for Travelers Property Casualty Corporation, in Olive Branch.

1987

**Dr. Allen Wegener**, '87, recently completed a six-year residency in urology at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

**William Laird Hamberlin**, '87, has been promoted to Regional Director with Brinks Home Security in Houston, TX.

**Stephen Caruthers**, '87, has been promoted to senior operations coordinator with Entergy in Southaven.

1988

**Greg Crosby**, '88, a projects accountant with Delta and Pine Land, recently passed the CPA, and was appointed to the Economic Development District of Bolivar County.

**Holly Fava**, '88, is the Communications Specialist for Union Planters Corp., in Memphis. She is also studying photography at the University of Memphis, and her photos have appeared in Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine.

**Tracy Lipscomb Riley**, '88, teaches at Massey University in Palmston North, New Zealand.

**John Counts, Jr.**, '88, is director of sales for Sysco in Norman, OK.

1989

**Deatrice Rotimi**, '89, recently received a Master of Education in Curriculum and Development from Loyola University Chicago, and is currently employed as the Computer Network Administrator at Lake Forest Country Day School.

**John Gangloff**, '89, is corporate account executive for customer service with Voice Now Pagers in Chicago.

**Jack Callicutt**, '89, is senior manager with the CPA firm of Deloitt & Touche in Duluth, GA.

**Spring Heflin**, '89, formerly of Cleveland, is executive director of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce in Brandon, MS.

**Arthur Johnston**, '89, was presented the Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award by Delta State University.

**Scott Bryant**, '89, has accepted a position with Development Dimensions International in Atlanta, GA.

**Beverly Bowman Johnston**, '89, is assistant principal of Madison Station Elementary School in Madison.

Delta State Univeristy 1998 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
Sept. 5	Jacksonville State	
Sept. 12	Arkansas Tech	Away
Sept. 19 *	Valdosta State	Away
Sept. 26	Open	Home
Oct. 3 **	West Alabama	—
Oct. 10	Henderson State	Home
Oct. 17	North Alabama	Away
Oct. 24	West Georgia	Away
Oct. 31	Southern Arkansas	Home
Nov. 7	Central Arkansas	Away
Nov. 14	Arkansas Monticello	Home
* Pig Pickin'/Wyatt Golf Classic		
** 1998 Homecoming		



1990

**Dr. Stacy Sanders**, '90, is currently practicing dentistry in Little Rock, AR.  
**Dr. Victoria Correro Callicut**, '90, has a dental practice in Roswell, GA.  
**Linda Hayden**, '90, is assistant superintendent with Spalding County School District in Griffin, GA.  
**Brad Prewitt**, '90, accepted a position on Senator Thad Cochran's staff as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C.

1991

**Mary Elizabeth Saucier**, '91, was recently named the assistant vice president of Finance for River Oaks Health System in Jackson, MS.  
**Dr. Kim Rodney Choate, Jr.**, '91, of Rolling Fork is employed as a polymer scientist with General Electric Company in Guilderland, N.Y.  
**Dr. Michelle Roberts**, '91, was chosen to attend Harvard University's management development program.

**Patrick V. Horton**, '91, has accepted a position in the commercial loan department with Hancock Bank of Gulfport.

**Dr. James S. Henderson, III**, '91, is an associate with McKinley & Granberry, P.A. Orthodontics in Hattiesburg, MS.

**Kellie Roberts**, '91, is a paralegal in Jackson, MS.  
**Missy McGuffee**, '91, is a property and casualty underwriter with Southern Farm Bureau in Jackson, MS.

**Melissa S. Vaughn**, '91, of Yazoo City, is designing jewelry and marketing it for retail sales.

**Christy McBrayer**, '91, a stand-up comedienne/actor in Hollywood, CA is producing a weekly comedy show at Masquers Cabaret in West Hollywood.

**Paul Morgan**, '91, is the national account manager for CAPCO Publishing Company in Oklahoma City.  
**Chris Kelley**, '91, is currently serving on the DSU Alumni Board of Directors.

1992

**Kim Gordan**, '92, received a Masters of Science in Nursing degree from USM and is teaching at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

**Dana Osborn**, '92, was promoted to a supervisor with Horne CPA Group in Grenada.

**Deborah Whitney**, '92, works in the corporate marketing department of CompHealth, in Salt Lake City, UT.

**Penney Pyles**, '92, is manager of Extended Stay America in Jackson, MS.

**Carmen Cooper**, '92, is a physical therapist at Bolivar

Medical Center in Cleveland.

**Doug Scarborough**, '92, is pursuing a Doctor of Arts degree in Music Theory and Composition at the University of Northern Colorado.

**Greg Fahey**, '92, of Baton Rouge was promoted to retail human resource manager for Bank One Louisiana.

1993

**Leigh Ann Vance**, '93, has been promoted to assistant cashier by the Community Bank's board of directors in Indianola, MS.

**David Parker**, '93, is co-owner and executive director of Red Rooster Coffee, Inc. in Jackson, MS.

**Michael Mahoney**, '93, completed intern year of emergency medicine residency in Baton Rouge, LA.

**John Frechette**, '93, received his MBA at St. Leo College, and is working for Colinsbrook Mortgages.

**Alicia A. Scott**, '93, is a police officer with Collierville, TN police department.

1994

**Dennis L. Evans, Jr.**, '94, was promoted to crew resource assistant V with Federal Express in Memphis, TN.

**David Kuhn**, '94, was named head basketball and fastpitch softball coach at Washington school in Greenville, MS.

**Dr. Doug Adams**, '94, of Indianola, MS, director of Industrial Services at Mississippi Delta Community College, has earned a Masters of Education in history from Delta State University.

**Belinda Bonner**, '94, recently received a masters degree in Instruction and Curriculum at the University of Memphis.

**Brock McMurray**, '94, has been named Dean of Students at MS Delta Community College.

**Kelli Rowland**, '94, received a masters in Education from the University of Mississippi.

**Amy Johnston**, '94, '96, formerly of Cleveland, was named winner of the Desoto County Sallie Mae first year teacher award for 1997. She teaches kindergarten at Hope Sullivan Elementary in Southaven.

**Land Heflin**, '94, formerly of Merigold, is a guide for a white water rafting company.

**Terry Varner**, '94, '95, is employed at Collins and Corbin, Inc. in Jackson, MS, is a licensed certified public accountant.

1995

**Salli Scott Quinn**, '95, received a masters in Spanish at Ole Miss and works for Dover Elevator Co. in Horn Lake, MS, where she takes emergency calls for Spanish-speaking people trapped in elevators.

**LaNelle Palmer**, '95, is employed as a social worker with North MS Medical Center Rehabilitation Institute in Tupelo.

**Randy Palmer**, '95 is a baseball coach and science teacher at Oak Hill Academy in West Point, MS.

**Dr. Loretta Shannon**, '95, is the new principal at Carrie Stern Elementary in Greenville.

**Misako Takato**, '95, is employed at Takata headquarters in Japan.

**Anne Maranto**, '95, is a speech therapist with Restore Therapy in Andalusia, AL.

**Chris Wilson**, '95, is working for a public policy firm in Washington, D.C.

**Lajan Palmer**, '95, is working as an admissions counselor at Delta State University.

1996

**Robin Whitfield**, '96, is employed by the Grenada public school district to paint murals on the halls of the middle school. The project is known as "Halls That Teach", and will represent a time-line and visual information about different cultures.

**Lynn Rose**, '96, has been named as the head coach of the Kirk Academy Raiderettes. She will also lead the junior high and high school track programs.

**Ginger Wilder**, '96, is teaching at Holly Springs High School and winning poetry slams at the Coffee Cellar in Memphis, TN.

**Shareda Nance**, '96, has joined CellularSouth in Greenville, MS, as an Account Service Representative.

**Molly D. Chiz**, '96, has been promoted to account executive with BT Office Products in Dallas, TX.

**Matthew P. Morgan**, '96, recently received his com-

mission as a naval officer after completing officer candidate school in Pensacola, FL.

**Stephen Gross**, '96, is one of twelve students selected nationwide to be accepted to the Texas Heart Institute's School of Perfusion Technology in Houston, TX.

**Allison Kimbrell Pool**, '96, is an occupational therapy student at the University of MS Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

**Carl Van Copenhagen**, '96, is manager of Lakeside Athletic Club in Lake Village, AR.

**Donna Miller**, '96, is a case manager at the Mental Health Center in Greenville, MS.

**Jennie Mitchell**, '96, is working on a MED in early childhood special education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

**Mimi Tippitt**, '96, presented a paper on nursing to the International Conference on Nursing in New Zealand.

**Laura Leigh Jennings**, '96, is a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines.

**Christopher Steed**, '96, is a Medicaid Specialist in the Tupelo, MS regional office.

1997

**Piper Whitfield**, '97, has been accepted in the masters program at the University of Memphis.

**Valerie Barragan**, '97, is a news reporter for a television station in her hometown of Quito, Ecuador.

**Amanda Burcham**, '97, has accepted a position teaching English at Tupelo High School.

**Sherri Elizabeth Sullivan**, '97, has been accepted to the University of MS Medical Center School of Medicine.

**Gretchen Gardner**, '97, was selected to the Lambda Iota Tau International Literature honors society.

**Rena Rasberry Clark**, '97, of Jackson is communications director for the Home Builders Association of Mississippi.

**Melanie Moore Buckley**, '97, was recently promoted to assistant buyer with McRae's of Jackson.

**Jametta Gregory**, '97, is a Business Education teacher at Cleveland High School.

**Trey Labella**, '97, a dental student at University of Tennessee, was presented the Pi Kappa Alpha Powers Award.

**David Bingham**, '97, is a corporate pilot with McAlister's Management Corporation in Oxford, MS.

## Baby Statesmen

Parker Brent to Mr and Mrs Eric Nichols (Candy Irving '93) on February 4, 1997.

Keilah Maresha to Mr and Mrs Sebastian Keith Vence (Claudia Marie Glasco '92) on July 2, 1997.

Sydney Claire to Mr and Mrs Duff Warren '85 (Emily Moore '86) on July 3, 1997.

Brooke Delena to Mr and Mrs Larry Bradford '86 (Dean Gavin '86) on May 21, 1997.

Lucas William to Mr and Mrs Jake Mitchell '89 (Tara Smith '91) on July 30, 1997.

Ethan Scott to Mr and Mrs Scott Bryant, '89 (Aimee Johnston '90) on June 26, 1997.

Corbin Blake to Mr and Mrs Jason Meredith, '90, (Robyn McGonagill '93) on June 21, 1997.

Haleigh Elizabeth to Mr and Mrs Greg Brown '91, (Kathy Davis '91) on July 5, 1997.

Bronson Brian to Mr and Mrs Brian Henry '95, (Luci Gordon '95) on August 12, 1997.

Anna Elizabeth Fletcher to Mr and Mrs Brad H Fletcher, (Elizabeth Warbington '89) on July 14, 1997.

Samuel Wade to Mr and Mrs Travis Earl Cooper '89 (Janet McCollum '86) on August 26, 1997.

Hayden Elizabeth to Mr and Mrs Wooldrige (Kim Biddy '92) on March 22, 1997.

Tristan Cain to Mr and Mrs Bruce Orman '84 (Nancy Malone Logan '86) on June 29, 1997.

John Ryan to Mr and Mrs John Kaiser '89 on July 3, 1997.

Haley Claire to Mr and Mrs Matthew Sbravati '92 (Melanie Smith '92) on September 14, 1997.

Nicholas Roland to Mr and Mrs Randall James McKinley (Lee Richardson '85) on September 8, 1997.

## NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHER, STAFF NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations for the S. E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher and the H. L. Nowell Outstanding Support Staff Awards are being accepted by the University.

Nominees for the Nowell Staff Award must have 10 years of consecutive service to the University. The recipient receives a cash award of \$1000 and a commemorative plaque.

Nominees for the Kossman Award must have been full-time faculty members for five years. The recipient receives a cash award of \$2,500.

The deadline for nominations is April 1. Mail to DSU, Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 38733



## PROPOST NAMED NEW NURSING DEAN



*Dr. Maureen Gruich Propst has been named Dean and Professor of Nursing at Delta State University. She comes to DSU from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing at the Medical Center and brings more than 20 years of experience in practice and teaching. Propst is a Biloxi native.*

Sydney Lynn to Mr and Mrs Jere Watridge Jr (Tiffany Howard '94) on September 1, 1997.  
Marlee Gail to Mr and Mrs Luke Parker (Tammy Lee '88) in Meridian.  
Lauren Elizabeth to Mr and Mrs Ben Bryant (Angela Gordon '92) on August 7, 1997.  
Natalie Carole to Mr and Mrs Drue Howarth '91 (Angie Tacker '90) on August 30, 1997.  
Daniel Wyatt to Mr and Mrs Mark Easley '83 (Melody Young '82) on September 4, 1997.  
James Thurman to Mrs Alicia Ralston Johnston '89 on October 3, 1997.  
Victoria Faith to Mr and Mrs Marc Pilgrim (Kandy Stone '95) on April 24, 1997.  
Coleman Andrew to Mr and Mrs Jeff Gilder '91 (Stephanie Wheeler '97) on June 21, 1997.  
Ryan Michael to Mr and Mrs Mike Bishop '92 (Leslie Alexander '93) on October 16, 1997.  
Cailyn Claire to Mr and Mrs Paul Crawford (Dana) on September 30, 1997.  
Annah Catherine to Mr and Mrs Richard Storey '91 (Rachelle White '92) on October 22, 1997.  
Jennifer Nichole to Mr and Mrs Mark Roberts (Kellie Litton '91) on July 24, 1997.  
Adoption of Molly Fran to Dr and Mrs William "Billy" Horton '81 (Theresa Thorton '86) from Dianbai China in September 1996.  
Emily Christine to Mr and Mrs Walter Aertker (Elaine Davis '80) on October 23, 1997.

## In Memoriam

**Bobby Nolan Johnson**, 45, class of 1989, died of heart failure on June 15, 1997, in Memphis.  
**John Andrew Hamrick**, 50, class of 1970, died July 10, 1997, at Rankin Medical Center, Jackson, MS.  
**J.T. Pitts**, 62, class of 1973, died July 4, 1997, at Weeping Pine Nursing Home in Jackson, MS.  
**Albert R. "Sonny" Mann, Jr.** 73, class of 1949, died in a farming accident in Winona on August 4, 1997.  
**Steve Avery**, 48, class of 1973, died of cancer in Vicksburg on August 12, 1997.  
**Walter Wells Carlton**, 54, class of 1965, died July 25, 1997 of heart failure at the King's Daughter Hospital in Greenville.

**Tommie Edwards Cooksey**, 86, class of 1954, died on August 3, 1997 in Jackson.  
**Sam Cecil Rea**, 29, class of 1991, died of injuries sustained in a tractor accident in Madison on September 2, 1997.  
**Rev. John Richard Couch**, 70, class of 1974, died on September 30, 1997 in Tupelo.  
**Mary Idane "Danie" Lewis**, 85, of Farrell died in September 1997.  
**Virginia Beevers**, 84, class of 1949, of Cleveland died on September 22, 1997, at the Bolivar Medical Center.  
**Frances Hall Lauderdale**, 79, class of 1940, of Greenwood died of heart failure.  
**Horace Thomas "Bo" Godfrey**, 67, class of 1957, of Parchman died on October 6, 1997.  
**Louise Womack Peeler**, 82, class of 1935, of Booneville died on September 19, 1997.  
**Robert William McDonald**, 79, class of 1942, died of heart failure on September 10, 1997, in Canton.  
**Esther Sue Knight**, 75, of Crowder, died of a heart attack on October 9, 1997.  
**Anna Kathryn Keener**, 87, of Gunnison, died of heart failure at Bolivar County Hospital on October 8, 1997. Delta State named Keener Hall in her honor.  
**Ernest O. "Jim" Stone, Jr.** 55, of Cleveland, died of heart failure at Bolivar Medical Center on October 12, 1997.  
**Robert Arcell Rhymes**, 68, of Clarksdale, died of acute myocardial infarction on October 15, 1997.  
**Gerald David Hubbard**, 61, class of 1950, died at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in New Orleans on May 28, 1997.  
**Louise Reid**, 81, class of 1938, of Philadelphia, died on November 11, 1997, at the Bolivar Medical Center.  
**R.C. Rhoads**, 80, died on October 23, 1997.  
**Sam Kersh**, class of 1958, of Greenville, died on July 10, 1997.  
**Dr. John Hargrove Tatum**, DSU German professor and coordinator of international students, died Saturday, November 22, 1997, at Baptist Memorial Hospital East in Memphis, Tenn.  
**George Harold Mixon**, '67, class 1985, died of heart failure on November 16, 1997.  
**Ann Simmons McKay**, 73, died of heart failure, on November 20, 1997, at Bolivar Medical Center.  
**Claude H. Spearman**, 82, class of 1938, died of cancer, on November 29, 1997.  
**John Davis Causey, Jr.**, 70, class of 1951, died of cancer, on November 28, 1997.

## Wedding Bells

**Laurie Jane Bartos**, '97, to **Christopher Charles Orr** '97, on August 9, 1997, in North Pole, AK.  
**Clarissa Gayle Betts**, to **Robert Shannon Whiteside**, '94, on July 19, 1997, in Starkville.

**Stella Patricia Pierce** to **David John Wolf**, '87, on August 16, 1997, in Long Beach, MS.  
**Kristy Ann Armstrong**, '95, to **Jason Boyd White** '95, on July 12, 1997, in Booneville.  
**Kimberely Dawn Hill**, '97, to **William Ashley Madden**, on September 13, 1997, in Tillatoba, MS.  
**Allison Michelle Roberts**, '95, to **Corey Len Sledge**, '96, on October 18, 1997, in Aberdeen, MS.  
**Shannon Michelle Owen**, to **Jeff David Thames**, '91, on August 2, 1997, in Jackson, MS.  
**Kimberly Kay Ouzts**, '91, **George Thomas Nasser**, on August 16, 1997, in Cleveland.  
**Courtney Ann Macvaugh**, '96, to **Dr. Philip Taylor Merideth**, on October 11, 1997, in Greenville, MS.  
**DeAnne Perkins**, '94, to **Chad Walberg**, on June 14, 1997, in west Helena, AR.  
**Carol La Nette Williams**, '95, to **John Randal Palmer**, '95, on August 2, 1997, in Clarksdale.  
**Erica Denise Lee**, to **Terry Vernell Jones**, '95, on August 9, 1997, in Leland, MS.  
**Julie Lynn Wheeler**, '93, to **William Cato Mayfield III**, on June 28, 1997, in Cleveland, MS.  
**Christy Miller** to **Micah Wood**, '95 on September 6, 1997, in Cleveland.  
**Dondi Warren**, '92, to **Joey Merriman**, on October 14, 1997.  
**Shannon Smillie**, '96, to **Glenn Grimsley** '96, on August 23, 1997 in Corinth.  
**Ginger Ann Pee**, '96, to **Kirk Holmes**, on August 24, 1997, in Kosciusko.  
**Lynn Davis** to **Brian Floyde Herring** '90 on August 16, 1997 in Coldwater, MS  
**Jerri Lynn Hicks** to **Stanley Earl Harris** '97 on August 31, 1997 in Pearl, MS.  
**Myra Jane Ferracci**, '93, to **John Brindley**, '91, on October 18, 1997, in Memphis, Tenn.  
**Shelly Lynn Trieb** to **Thomas Robert Rush**, '93, on May 31, 1997, in Tilden.  
**Kimberly Kay Ouzts**, '95, to **George Thomas Nassar**, '91, on August 16, 1997, in Cleveland.  
**Amy Lampton** to **Derek Kibbler Dowdy**, '95, on August 2, 1997 in Greenville, Miss.  
**Stacey Leigh McKelroy**, '97, to **Dan Didier**, '95, on July 19, 1997 in Southaven, Miss.  
**Misty Paige Boyd**, '95, to **Jared K. Moseley** on September 26, 1997, in Cleveland, Miss.  
**Brandie Marie Roberts**, '97, to **John Joseph Ducrest** on November 8, 1997, in Grenada, Miss.  
**Teri Lynn Akers**, '93, to **Michael Henry Ramsey**, on September 13, 1997,

## 1998 DSU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Feb. 13-14	Delta Diamond Classic	TBA	HOME
Feb. 18	Miss. Valley State (DH)	2 PM	HOME
Feb. 20-21	Southaven Tournament	TBA	Southaven, Miss.
Feb. 27-28	Central Ark. Tournament	TBA	Conway, Ark.
Mar. 3	Winona State (DH)	2 PM	HOME
Mar. 5-9	West Florida Tournament	TBA	Pensacola, Fla.
Mar. 10	William Carey (DH)	4 PM	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mar. 11	Jackson State (DH)	1 PM	Jackson, Miss.
Mar. 18	Univ. of Mississippi (DH)	2 PM	Oxford, Miss.
Mar. 20-21	Kennesaw State Tournament	TBA	Kennesaw, Ga.
Mar. 24	Ark.-Monticello (DH)	2 PM	HOME
Mar. 25	Miss. Valley State (DH)	1 PM	Itta Bena, Miss.
Mar. 28	Central Arkansas (DH)	4 PM	Conway, Ark.
Apr. 1	Miss. Univ. for Women (DH)	3 PM	Columbus, Miss.
Apr. 3-4	DSU Spring Tournament	TBA	HOME
Apr. 7	Miss. Univ. for Women	3 PM	HOME
Apr. 8	Mississippi State	6 PM	Starkville, Miss.
Apr. 15	Samford (DH)	2 PM	HOME
Apr. 16	Christian Brothers (DH)	3 PM	HOME
Apr. 18	Alabama-Huntsville (DH)	3 PM	Huntsville, Ala.
Apr. 20	Jackson State	3 PM	HOME
Apr. 23	Christian Brothers (DH)	3 PM	Memphis, Tenn.
Apr. 27	Ark.-Monticello (DH)	2 PM	Monticello, Ark.
May 1-2	GSC Tournament	TBA	Meridian, Miss.

in Greenville, Miss.  
**Kristine Wilbanks**, '97 to Scott Thweatt on August 2, 1997 in Olive Branch, Miss.  
**Nikki Elisha Kyle**, '97 to Ben Edward Herring, on May 31, 1997 in Shelby, Miss.  
**Kathryn Lynn Burton**, '95 to **Samuel Joseph Lott**, '96, on July 26, 1997, in Coldwater, Miss.  
**Jahnae Ann McKibben**, '97 to Brian Wayne Cherry, on August 2, 1997, in Olive Branch, Miss.  
**Annie Ware**, '85, to Scott Ohlsson, on August 30, 1997, in Greenwood, Miss.  
**Tammy Myrea Gross**, '94, to **Glenn H. Stephens**, '92, on August 23, 1997, in Jackson, Miss.  
**Valerie Ann Webster**, to **Charles Lee Cook**, '96, on August 23, 1997, in Columbus, Miss.  
**Shannon Denise Smillie**, '96, to **Jeffrey Glenn Grimsley**, '96, on August 23, 1997, in Corinth.  
**Jyoti Patel**, '97, to **Bavesh Patel** on August 17, 1997, in Clarksdale, Miss.  
**Ginger Caroline Smith**, '92, to **William A. Meriwether, Jr.**, '92, on August 30, 1997, in Cascilla, Miss.  
**Jennifer A. Tribble**, to **Edgar MacArthur Moorman, Jr.**, on September 27, 1997, in Grenada, Miss.  
**Sarah Magdalene Kalich**, to **Kevin Webster Wheeler**, '96, on June 7, 1997, in Cleveland, Miss.  
**Jerri Lynn Hicks** to **Stanley Earl Harris**, '97, on August 31, 1997, in Pearl, Miss.  
**Brandie Marie Roberts**, '97, to **John Joseph Ducrest** on November 8, 1997, in Grenada, Miss.  
**Melanie Paige Moore**, '97, to **John Jacob "Jay" Buckley**, '96, on September 13, 1997, in Southaven, Miss.  
**Beverly Anne Stank** to **Joshua Russell Mann** '92, on December 20, 1997, in Long Beach, Miss.  
**Carroll Leigh Walden** '96 to **Everett Dewitt Lovelace, Jr.**, on November 25, 1997, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.  
**Aletha Susan Wigley**, '96 to **Sammy L. Niven, Jr.**, on November 1, 1997, in Coxburg, Miss.  
**Pamela I. Tilghman** to **John P. Keys**, on November 1, 1997 in Grenada, Miss.  
**Bethany Leianne Smith** '96, to **Kevin Wayne Barnes**, '96 on November 8, 1997, in Diamondhead, Miss.  
**Aimee Ellise Harper**, to **Bertrand Bennett Bell** on

November 1, 1997, in Hazlehurst, Miss.  
**Courtney Rayne Fortinberry** '96 to **Cory Thomas Stanford** '97 on October 11, 1997, in Brandon, Miss.  
**Amy Nicole Nail** to **William Michael Bailey** '96, on October 10, 1997, in Catries, St. Lucia, West Indies.  
**Laura Agnes Westbrook** to **Christopher Mark Davis** '96 on January 3, 1997, in Vicksburg, Miss.  
**Betsy Claire Neill** '95 to **John Patrick Irwin** on November 1, 1997, in Leland, Miss.  
**Dr. Karen Ann Flanagan** to **Randall Keith Little** '72 on October 11, 1997, in Natchez, Miss.  
**Tracy Lynn Smith** to **James Thomas Underhill III**, '95 on November 8, 1997, in Jackson, Miss.  
**Kathy Taylor** to **Michael Malone** on September 27, 1997, in Jackson, Miss.  
**Judy Collins** '77 to **John Gill** on September 20, 1997, in Hattiesburg, Miss.  
**Denise Elizabeth Dick** '97 to **Steven Justin Higginbotham** on December 6, 1997, in Jackson, Miss.  
**Megan Renate Christine Riebock** to **Brian Neil Jones** '96 on December 20, 1997, in Jackson, Miss.  
**Jennifer Nicole Franklin** '94 to **James Kelly Gardner** on October 7, 1997, in Negril, Jamaica.  
**Carla Marie McPherson** to **Kevin Wayne Rushing** on September 20, 1997, in Helena, Ark.  
**Stacey Michelle Boren** '96 to **Samuel Wayne Michaels** '96 on October 18, 1997, in Tunica, Miss.  
**Sara Scott Ely** '96 to **James Wesley Lawrence** on October 11, 1997, in Clarksdale, Miss.  
**Regina Gail Campbell** '92 to **DaWayne William Satterfield** on November 1, 1997, in Greenville, Miss.  
**Kelley Miller** to **Tedd Gilbert** '94 on October 10, 1997, in Cleveland, Miss.  
**Carra Adele Kent** to **Robert Lyle Purvis** '97, on November 1, 1997, at Tishomingo, Miss.  
**Chrisann Coker** '97, to **William Chance Coleman**, on December 20, 1997, in Belzoni, Miss.  
**Dodie Lynne Twiner**, '97, to **Charles Bently "Chip" McElmurray III** on December 13, 1997 in Belzoni, Miss.  
**Margaret Elise Dreaden**, '80', '81, to **James Wayne "Butch" Jenkins** on November 15, 1997 in Ruleville, Miss.

**Monica Hope Dunaway**, to **Hubert Gearl Loden**, '91, on November 21, 1997 in Tupelo, Miss.  
**Stacey Lynn Rogers**, to **Mark Thompson Lowry**, '88, on November 22, 1997 in Tupeli, Miss.  
**Shawn Catina Louise Sipp**, '96, to **Michael Todd Young**, '97, on November 29, 1997 in Coldwater, Miss.  
**Stacey Gene Steed**, to **John Etheridge Springfield**, '95, on December 13, 1997 in Greenwood.  
**Amy Marie Rewis**, to **Russell Wayne Granberry**, '97, on November 22, 1997, in Florence, Miss.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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**Noal Akins** '61  
**Lee House Baker** '89  
**Hiller G. Banks** '88  
**Frankie & Jan Kilgore Beckman**, '70, '71  
**Michael & Elizabeth Belenchia** '79, '81  
**Dr. Russell E. Belenchia** '77  
**Kenneth Wayne Brandon** '75  
**Drs. Walter & Sharon Campbell**, '68 & '76, '75 & '76  
**Frank M. & Mary F. Cooper** '90  
**Joe D Crawford**  
**H. Thorne Crosby** '66 & '67  
**Jackie Joe Davis** '62  
**David & Peggy Gladden** '72, '97  
**Carolyn Sue Goss Griffin** '86  
**James Timothy Harvey** '80  
**George T. & Melody D. Henley** '89, '89  
**Carolyn V. Holiman** '70 & '77  
**Charles W. Holmes** '71  
**Mark & Amy Hudspeth** '92, '92  
**Toni Bishop Jernigan** '66  
**W. David Kilgore** '73  
**Dr. Timothy H. Lamb** '71  
**Melody Lemonis** '87  
**John K. & Beverly C. Lindsey** '81, '89  
**Sean David McDonnall** '94  
**Mark W. & Missy B. McGuffee** '89, '91  
**Gaye Anne Maranto** '95  
**Ned & Bettye Mitchell** '62, '62  
**Charles & Billie Oakes** '70, '90  
**Timothy Michael Peebles** '97  
**Brian Anthony Render** '96  
**Joseph E. Smith** '60  
**Dan L. & Annette M. Smythe** '90  
**Paul Herbert Stanley** '89  
**Troy Keith Stevens** '83  
**Robert Hamilton Stinson** '95  
**David Scott Tate** '86 & '87  
**Eric B. Taylor** '70  
**Angelique Gafford Ward** '94  
**Dana M. Warrington** '91  
**Jefferson D. Wheeler Jr.** '86  
**Mitchell T. & Susan E. Wilbanks** '78, '79  
**Miriam M. Williamson** '94  
**Robert J. Wilson** '73  
**Donna K. Wimer** '85  
**Tim & Sheri Walker Wright** '81, '80 & '81

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## MARSHALL PLAN COMMEMORATIVE STAMP UNVEILED AT DELTA STATE

The significant, but frequently overlooked role of the State of Mississippi in the creation and announcement of the Marshall Plan was the focus of an October 27, 1997 ceremony held on the Delta State University campus.

With numerous dignitaries in attendance, the highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of a U.S. Postal Service second-day issue stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan by Marsha Hopkins, Manager, Post Office Operations.



Gregory A. Fossedal, Director of the Alexis de Tocqueville Institute in Arlington, Va. and principal speaker, noted that on May 8, 1947, one month prior to General George C. Marshall's announcement of the foreign assistance program (later to be called the European Recovery Act or the Marshall Plan) Dean Acheson, Undersecretary of State for President Truman, revealed what historians describe as the "prologue" to the Marshall Plan in a speech to the annual meeting of the Delta Council in Whitfield Gymnasium on the Delta State campus. The speech was originally to be delivered by Truman himself. However, because of various personal and political reasons, President Truman was forced to cancel. Instead, he sent Undersecretary Acheson to deliver the speech.

In describing the speech given by Acheson, B.F. Smith, longtime Executive Director for Delta Council, recalled how Whitfield Gymnasium was filled to capacity with people wanting to hear Acheson's speech. "A sound system had to be set up outside so that the overflow crowd could hear", said Smith.

Acknowledged as a major force in the formulation of the Marshall Plan was Will Clayton, a native of Tupelo, Miss. and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs under President Truman. Clayton's visits to Europe following World War Two convinced him that the European nations could not withstand encroachment by the Soviet Union unless their war-torn economies were strengthened through aid from the U.S. To honor Clayton's role, his grandson, The Honorable William L. Garwood of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was a special guest at the ceremony.

## U P C O M I N G . E V E N T S

Jan 18	St. Petersburg Ballet "Swan Lake on Ice"	2:30PM/7:30PM	BPAC	Mar 26	West Side Story	7:30	BPAC
Jan 29	Miss DSU Pageant	7:30 PM	BPAC	Apr 2	Teacher Recruitment Day	9AM-3PM	Ewing
Jan 30	Honor Band	2 PM	BPAC	Apr 4	Spring Sports Day	All Day	Campus
Jan 31	Music Alumni Reunion	1 PM	Alum. House		Sports Hall of Fame	7 PM	State Room
Feb 5	Ladysmith Black Mambazo	8 PM	BPAC	Apr 14	Academic Honors Day	10 AM	BPAC
Feb 10	Plaza Suite	8 PM	BPAC	Apr 14	Choral Concert	8 PM	BPAC
Feb 15	Honor Choir	2 PM	BPAC	Apr 14	50-Yr Golden Circle	All Day	Alum. House
Feb 16	American Boys Choir	8 PM	BPAC	Apr 16	Eroica Trio Ensemble	7:30	BPAC
Feb 23	St Louis Brass	7:30 PM	BPAC	Apr 20	Renaissance Concert	8 PM	BPAC
Feb 25-27	Dinner Theater	6:30 PM	Ewing	Apr 22	Sorbonne Orchestra	8 PM	BPAC
Mar 3	Delta Brass	8 PM	BPAC	Apr 25	Crosstie Festival	All Day	Downtown
Mar 5	DSU Opera Workshop	8 PM	BPAC	Apr 28	Athletic Awards Banquet	6 PM	State Room
Mar 10	Bruce Levingston Concert	8 PM	BPAC	May 2	DSU Graduation	10 AM	Coliseum
Mar 20	Shakespeare	7:30 PM	Jobe	May 7	Kallen Esperian	7:30 PM	BPAC
Mar 25	Spring Career Day	9AM-3PM	Wyatt	May 19	Radio Days	7:30 PM	BPAC
	Senior Graduate Fair	9AM-3PM	Wyatt	May 26	Summer Registration	8 AM	Wyatt